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SILICATE CONTAINING BINDER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, applicants submit the documents attached hereto. All documents are to be made of record in the aboveidentified case. A listing of said documents on form PTO/SB08A and form PTO/SB/08B is also attached.

Each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 but before payment of the Issue Fee. Authorization to charge applicants' deposit account for the full amount of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.117(p) for such filing is hereby made on the attached Transmittal Letter.

Chinese Patent Publication No. 1355278A is not in the English language, however, an English language translation is provided herewith.

This statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicants reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted.

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